

Jean Mulhern, Library Director
Wilberforce University

Dear Ms. Mulhern:

I am writing to you from the Greater Midwest Region as part of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (www.nlm.nih.gov/gmr). The Greater Midwest Region works for the National Library of Medicine to provide free access to health information to health professionals and consumers throughout a ten state region.

As part of our contract with the National Library of Medicine we provide services to institutions whose objective is to train minority health practitioners or those who serve minority populations.

Some of the ways we might offer services to your institution are:

1. Exhibit at a health fair your university is sponsoring
2. Train librarians and or students on PubMed (www.pubmed.gov) and MEDLINEplus (www.medlineplus.gov) databases
3. Provide pens, posters or bookmarks for outreach purposes.
4. Opportunities for funding are available for targeted projects. (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/gmr/funding/>)

I hope to arrange a time to visit your library and demonstrate some of the National Library of Medicine databases.

Thank you - Stephanie Weldon

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Greetings, Ms. Weldon:

So nice to hear from you and about your programs. We have two academic programs, both relating to health care administration (administrators should know about health issues!). One program is for non-traditional students already working in the field who wish to complete their BS degrees.

We are in the process at this very moment of constructing a new Health and Wellness Center. This structure and its services will open in February 2002 and we hope to extend them into our community, especially to African Americans in the vicinity as well as our students. Our center is federally grant funded and is a companion to a similar grant to Central State University for a Center on Aging.

I would be delighted to be your campus contact and will spread the word. I can guarantee that we would most welcome each and every one of the services you mentioned.

We do sponsor a health fair each year.
We do have a pre-med student organization.
We do have the health adm. majors.
We do have the new health center under construction.
We do have library staff interested in new resources (and we are very well equipped in technology)
We are interested in programming grants to assist with the new health and wellness center.
We do have students certified in first aid through their coursework.
And we as an institution have an ongoing concern about the current and future health of our students and staff (esp. weight and nutrition, asthma, high blood pressure, and diabetes).
We have faculty trained in HIV education.

Let's continue the dialogue to determine where a good fit might be.

PS: for your reference, we are located within sight of Central State University and Payne Theological Seminary, other institutions concerned with minority health issues. We do sometimes share in cooperative programming.

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